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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request that Mrs. Rosalynn Carter Send a Message to an Amnesty International Ceremony for Disappeared Persons in Argentina

Amnesty International will sponsor a commemorative ceremony on July 17 to present prominent American women with "symbolic scarves" made by the mothers of disappeared persons in Argentina. The purpose of the ceremony is to focus attention on the efforts of the "Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo" to establish the whereabouts of their missing children and grandchildren. A copy of the invitation is attached.

Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Patricia Derian will attend, as well as other prominent women from the Executive and Legislative Branches and from the private sector.

Amnesty International has expressed the hope that Mrs. Carter would send a message in honor of the commemoration. We believe such a message would be appropriate as a renewed expression of high-level U.S. concern for the plight of the families of the disappeared in Argentina. The text of a suggested message is attached.

The Department recommends that Mrs. Carter sign the attached message and that it be sent to Amnesty International.

Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Amnesty International Invitation.
2. Draft Message for Mrs. Carter's Signature.

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